GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:79
ANSWERED ON:22.10.2008
DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES THROUGH PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether a balanced development of villages have failed to take place through Panchayati Raj System due to various reasons including the alleged discriminatory partisan attitude of the members in several Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for ensuring balanced development of villages and also putting a check on the misuse of funds of the Panchayats?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 79, DUE FOR REPLY ON 22.10.2008, REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES THROUGH PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM.

(a) to (c) The institution of Gram Sabha in a Gram Panchayat area provides a good check on possible partisan attitude of members of the Gram Panchayat. In general, the State Legislatures have vested the Gram Sabhas with the powers to consider, as also to make recommendations and suggestions to the Gram Panchayat, in respect of the following matters:

(i) selection of schemes, beneficiaries and locations.

(ii) the annual statement of accounts of the Gram Panchayat and report of the audit of such accounts;

(iii) the report of the administration of the Gram Panchayat relating to the preceding financial year ;

(iv) the promotion of unity and harmony among all sections of society in the village;

Panchayats are subject to normal accounting and auditing system. States have made provisions regarding financial control and audit in their Panchayati Raj legislations and have also framed rules about maintenance of budget and accounts. States are being encouraged to adopt the Technical Guidance and Supervision (TGS) model developed by C&AG for strengthening the accounting and auditing system for Panchayats.